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Delegate Nathaniel Brown advocates for Navajo miners and families at “Yes to NGS” rally

PHOENIX – Council Delegate Nathaniel Brown (Chilchinbeto, Dennehotso, Kayenta) joined approximately 300 Kayenta Mine workers and their families at the Arizona State Capitol on Wednesday, as part of a “Yes to NGS” coalition rally to urge the Central Arizona Project board members to allow an additional 90 days to secure new ownership of the power plant to continue operations beyond 2019.

The Navajo Nation continues working on solutions to keep the Navajo Generating Station operating,” said Delegate Brown. “At stake are hundreds of mine and power plant jobs, hundreds of Navajo and Hopi government jobs and thousands of support jobs and remember, the value of these jobs is spread far and wide across tribal communities.”

The Central Arizona Water Conservation District is scheduled to meet on Thursday and possibly consider other sources of energy to operate the Central Arizona Project, however, Wednesday’s march on the state capitol was held to request an additional 90 days to secure new ownership.

The current agreement between the Navajo Nation and the NGS owners is scheduled to expire at the end of 2019. Meanwhile, the leaders of the Navajo Nation are evaluating two proposals from reputable companies that are eager to keep NGS open beyond 2019.



PHOTO: Council Delegate Nathaniel Brown addresses Kayenta Mine workers during the “Yes to NGS” rally at the Arizona State Capitol in Phoenix, Ariz. on June 6, 2018.

“The Navajo tradition is to support our immediate and extended families – our grandparents, our parents, our aunts, uncles, and grandchildren. So the benefit of each job has far reaching implications. When Navajo families have a good source of income, they are stronger. We are stronger for our children, for our extended families and for the communities we live in. We ask the CAP board to do everything you can to support the transition to new owners to keep the power plant operating as Congress intended, for our families, for our Nation and for our future. Give us just 90 days to change the trajectory for our families, our culture, and our Nation,” added Delegate Brown.

The coal miners and Delegate Brown traveled hundreds of miles from the Kayenta Mine site to the state’s capitol in Phoenix on Wednesday’s morning to participate in the rally.

Several of the miners and representatives from the United Mine Workers of America also spoke in support of the continuation of the mine and NGS during the event.

To learn more about the “Yes to NGS” coalition, please visit Yes to NGS.org.



PHOTO: Council Delegate Nathaniel Brown with Kayenta Mine workers during the “Yes to NGS” rally at the Arizona State Capitol in Phoenix, Ariz. on June 6, 2018.

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